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Re Application of D. Swistak et al.

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Art Group: 3671

For: Leaching Chamber with Inward Flaring Sidewall Perforations

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

1. Please amend the claims as shown in the enclosed Status of Claims.

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action of March 22, 2006.

1. With respect to office action section 1 , about the supplemental information disclosure statement dated January 11, 2006, examiner pointed out that applicants failed to submit a list, as by Form 1449. They enclose Form SB/08b now with a duplicate of the information. Applicants request that the information disclosure statement be considered. The statement was timely submitted for consideration in connection with the RCE. However, if because of the belated submittal of the Form a fee is payable, please charge same to deposit account 140711 with a reference number of 2313.

2. Applicants enclose the September 2006 declaration of Ronald Brochu to introduce certain facts that the examiner should take into account. In part the declaration describes the prior art in more detail, shows the problems which make the invention not heretofore feasible or obvious, and describes surprising advantage of inward flared slots. In further part, the declaration addresses purported clogging of perforations.

3. Applicants have amended their claims and argument hereafter is addressed to them as such.